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Dear [redacted]

I thought for awhile that I was going to stay in [redacted] long enough to see you on your way to and from India on your next half-dozen trips, but they finally let me come home. I am, at the moment, suspended in mid-air between Governor Stassen and Bob Amory, trying to be of some use to both of them.

On the other side, however, I produced a small piece of paper, a copy of which is attached. It seems to me that the idea has merit all the more so since the launching of the Soviet satellite. I have talked the idea over with several people in the Agency, including one man who is directly responsible for some of our operations in the propaganda field, and I find that although some people think it is a good idea, there is a general feeling that this is not the kind of project that the Agency should undertake. I am passing it along to you, therefore, to see what you think of the basic idea and to see whether or not you think the project would be worth selling to one of the foundations. If the idea does not emerge clearly from my paper, I would be happy to try to explain it in greater detail and above all, I would be delighted to talk to you about it should you turn up in Washington.

Sincerely,

W. A. Tidwell

Enclosure

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